

HBPA, General Meeting, September 10, 2015

The meeting began with a welcome back, and a review of the evening's agenda by Jeff Cunningham, HBPA President.

Jeff Cunningham opened a discussion regarding Jeff Dooley staying on as the HBPA Treasurer. The job is very extensive, making it a challenge to be shared. At this point, there is not one person who has volunteered to solely take on the position, so it was decided for Jeff Dooley to remain as Treasurer, and train anyone who may volunteer throughout the remainder of the year. HBPA Board members and Committee Chairs will assist Jeff throughout the year.

As the reinstated Treasurer, Jeff Dooley, shared the financial report indicating HBPA is in pretty good shape for now. Fundraising will start with Spirit Nights, the annual Fruit Sale, and raffle tickets, to name a few. Ongoing fundraisers include SEVMG, concessions, and Scrip. It is important for families to support these endeavors to stay within our budget.

Volunteer opportunities include chaperoning football games, competitions, working concessions, uniforms, As Uncle Sam said, "We need you!" **So, how do you sign up to volunteer?** HBPA uses several forms of communication to share upcoming information, and to sign up to volunteer. They are **Charms, Facebook, HBPA Meetings, and the website www.hhsbands.org**. It is **essential**, with an organization of this size, that parents are active on Charms, a member of the Facebook page, HBPA-Hickory Band Parents, and check email daily to always be in the know of events, and any changes in plans that may be necessary. If you are not familiar with these communication tools, please contact one of the board members. We will be more than happy to help get you, "Plugged In!"

Mr. Enloe & Ms.Cox report that the students have been GREAT, and things are getting to where they need to be in the band room, "slowly, but surely." They ask that we continue to be patient, and work together.

SEVMG, the Southeastern Virginia Music Games, is scheduled for September 26th, and plans are in full swing. Fourteen bands will be attending with the start time possibly around 4:00PM, and awards around 10:00PM. There are many volunteer opportunities on this day, so contact Robyn Hilbert or any Committee Chair to sign up. Parking and water tents are still in need of volunteers, as well as concessions. This is our opportunity to show what Hickory is made of to our visiting bands and spectators. Our band will have an earlier practice, volunteer/help, and perform at the end of the competition as the exhibition band. More specific times will be given to the students closer to the day of the event.

BOA ATLANTA, October 29th through November 1st The directors are planning to leave on Thursday, October 29th, in the morning and return some time on Sunday, November 1st,

pending Chesapeake School Board approval. They will travel on Thursday, rehearse on Friday morning, and perform around 4:00PM. Finals will be held on Saturday. Students will need money for the aquarium, World of Coke, and food.

Parents traveling to Atlanta wanting to purchase tickets as a group may contact Nancy Biondich.

Mr. Enloe and Ms. Cox would like to request parents/fans **NOT** purchase AIR-GRAMS at any competitions. Often times, they are read as the students are entering the field of competition distracting the students from doing their best on the field. They work so very hard to prepare for competitions, and the directors truly want them set up for success.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorie Wilson, HBPA Secretary